

Western States Meeting Agenda

March 28– April 1, 2005

NOAA Climate Diagnostics Center

Boulder, Colorado

Day 1	Monday, March 28, 2005
Morning	Travel – The climate workshop will begin promptly at 3pm.
Afternoon 15:00-17:00	Climate Workshop (<i>moderated by Tim Brown</i>) Topic - 1) Climate forecasting workshop
Day 2	Tuesday, March 29, 2005
Morning and Afternoon 08:00-16:00	Continuation of the Climate Workshop. (<i>moderated by Tim Brown</i>) Topics – 1) Monsoon 2) Medium Range Forecasts 3) Drought 4) ENSO 5) Teleconnection Indices
16:00-17:00	National Consensus Climate Forecast and Discussion (<i>moderated by Tim Brown</i>) IRI, CPC, Regional Climate Center and other perspectives. * <u>This will include a validation of last year's consensus forecast.</u> *Question and comment time
Day 3	Wednesday, March 30, 2005
Morning 08:00-08:20	Workshop Introduction, logistics, and opening remarks - Gregg Garfin, CLIMAS; Rick Ochoa, NICC
08:20-08:45	Review of Consensus Climate Forecast (<i>moderated by Tim Brown</i>)
08:45-10:00	Weather & Fuels Assessments/Outlooks (<i>moderated by Rick Ochoa</i>) Each GACC to discuss season, weather and fire considerations specific to them and have invited fuels specialists to discuss current situation, emerging issues and tools they use to gauge fire/fuels severity – 15 minutes for each GACC
10:00-10:20	<i>Break</i>
10:20-12:00	Weather & Fuels Assessments/Outlooks (<i>moderated by Rick Ochoa</i>) Each GACC to discuss season, weather and fire considerations specific to them and have invited fuels specialists to discuss current situation, emerging issues and tools they use to gauge fire/fuels severity – 15 minutes for each GACC
12:00-13:15	Lunch
13:15-13:30	Discussion of Seasonal Assessment Procedures and Protocols, including breakout room/area assignments, Internet access, assistance, logistics – (<i>Moderated by Gregg Garfin and Rick Ochoa</i>)
14:45-15:00	<i>Break</i>
15:00-17:00	Breakout Sessions Begin
Day 4	Thursday, March 31, 2005
All day	Breakout Work Sessions Continue outlook. Focus on finalizing the report in the afternoon and preparing a presentation for Friday morning. Please select a member of your group to deliver the presentation.

Day 5 Friday, April 1, 2005	
Morning 08:00-10:30	Reports and Presentations Today will be final presentations by the GACC's on the 2004 season. Each GACC will get 10 minutes, with a break if necessary in the middle of the presentations. The end time will be a feedback session to help improve the assessment process for 2005.
10:30-11:00	<i>Closeout/Feedback on proceedings.</i>